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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel Claims 1-11, 13, 15, 17, 20 and 22-34 without prejudice.

Please amend Claim 12.

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### LISTING OF CLAIMS

- 1-11 (Canceled)
12. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a catalyst, comprising the steps of:  
providing a zeolite carrier having a silicon/aluminum mole ratio of from about 14 to about 95;  
providing a cupric salt aqueous solution;  
defining a copper zeolite catalyst by carrying out an ion exchange reaction between copper ions and said zeolite carrier in said cupric salt aqueous solution at a temperature of from about 4°C to about 14°C; and  
calcinating said copper zeolite catalyst.
13. (Canceled)
14. (Original) The process of claim 12 wherein said copper zeolite catalyst comprises a copper content of from about 0.1% to about 10.0% by weight.
15. (Canceled)
16. (Original) The process of claim 12 wherein said calcining said copper zeolite catalyst comprises calcining said copper zeolite catalyst at a temperature of from about 300°C to about 700°C.
17. (Canceled)
18. (Original) The process of claim 16 wherein said copper zeolite catalyst comprises a copper content of from about 0.1% to about 10.0% by weight.
19. (Original) The process of claim 12 wherein said cupric salt aqueous solution is copper sulfate, copper nitrate, copper acetate or copper chloride having a concentration of from about 0.001 molar to about 10 molar.

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20. (Canceled)

21. (Original) The process of claim 19 wherein said calcining said copper zeolite catalyst comprises calcining said copper zeolite catalyst at a temperature of from about 300°C to about 700°C.

22-34 (Canceled)